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In re Application of

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Application No.: 10/808,270 : DECISION ON PETITION Filing Date: March 24, 2004 : UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(B)

Attorney Docket No.: 43004A

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 17, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed October 3, 2005, which set a three month shortened statutory period for response. A two month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, by operation of law, the above-identified application became abandoned on March 4, 2006.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that (1) the reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE); (2) the petition fee; and (3) the required statement of unintentional delay have been received. Accordingly, the reply to the final Office action mailed October 3, 2005 is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 1752 for appropriate action on the reply in due course.

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